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Letter dated 29 March 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith an information bulletin dated 29 March 2018 from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) V. **Nebenzia**

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Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (29 March 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported nine incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: four in Ladhiqiyah, four in Damascus and one in Aleppo.

The Turkish representative office has reported two incidents of gunfire: one in Aleppo Governorate and one in Idlib Governorate.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has not carried out any humanitarian operations over the past 24 hours.

In total, 1,778 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,499.94 tons.

One United Nations humanitarian convoy — comprising 19 refrigerated trucks — was assured passage to Tayyibah in Dar'a Governorate. The total weight of cargo delivered was 123 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 135 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 75,399 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours 27 ceasefire agreements have been signed with the following populated areas: Hawayij, Jif, Shumaytiyah, Ayyash, Dahlab, Khuraytah, Dhiban, Raqqah, Khurayzah, Mahmudiyah, Kasriyah, Suhbah, Jays, Jadid Uqaydat, Shahil, Dashan, Turayf, Ghuraybah Sharqiyah, Ruqayb, Qusayr, Busayrah, Barr al-Sham, Tayyib al-Fal, Ays, Adil and Faydan in Dayr al-Zawr Governorate, and Manbij in Aleppo Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,482.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.